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## **Ald. Bauman Calls For More Effective Snow Removal For Pedestrians, The Disabled And Transit Users**

*Hand Shoveling Makes Clearer Paths, Proves More Cost-Effective*

Ald. Bob Bauman is sponsoring a resolution that directs the Department of Public Works to use hand shoveling to clear snow from bus stops and city crosswalks within 24 hours after the snow ends. “Currently, DPW uses end loaders to clear crosswalks and bus stops, but these efforts are often inadequate and take too long—sometimes taking weeks to accomplish,” Ald. Bauman said.

The fiscal difference is also noticeable. According to DPW operations, the hand shoveling can amount to combined labor and supervisory costs of \$264,000 for each snow event. The current model, mechanized removal, costs \$462,000 for each snow removal occurrence due to the cost of renting expensive equipment.

“The piles of snow left after a plowing operation at crosswalks and bus stops creates a huge obstacle for pedestrians and residents who use public transit. The problem is even worse for persons with physical disabilities or who use wheelchairs. We can do a better job and save money while we do it. That’s a set of services we should begin providing immediately,” Ald. Bauman said.

The resolution is scheduled for public hearing before the Public Works Committee meeting on January 3, 2008 at 9:00 am in Room 301B of City Hall.

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